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There will be additional work with this material this harvest season.

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Baler twine has more than doubled in price since last year. Sisal production in East Africa has been cut due to poor growing conditions. Production in Mexico and Brazil in 1972 was 3% short of the 1966-70 average.

Sisal and henequen constitute the raw materials for almost all the natural fiber twine used in the U. S. during 1973. African sisal prices increased 130% and Brazilian sisal prices jumped 150% last year.

Synthetic twine made of polypropylene is a possibility but it's made from petroleum products and you know what's happened here.

In summary, baling twine will be in short supply at greatly increased prices.

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If you didn't fertilize your lawn last fall, it may need feeding. Add the necessary phosphate and potash but be careful not to over-fertilize with nitrogen. You just add to the problem of mowing.

Fall is the preferred time to fergilize grasses.

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PRECIPITATION

This Week	1.10
Last Week	2.61
This Month	2.83
This Year	12.54

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Record Swine Shipment Leaves Virginia Virginia Today

A shipment of 416 head of swine, representing the largest such overseas sale of swine ever made by Virginia, was assembled recently in Richmond to be trucked to Miami, Florida where they will be flown to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. These swine also represent the first exportation of commercial, three-way cross livestock sold exclusively by Virginia producers to a foreign country.

The swine for this sale originated from 20 farms statewide and were purchased by the Virginia Purebred Livestock International, Inc. for exporting. The 416 swine sold to Santo Domingo included 16 purebred animals and 400 commercial head which were a three-way cross of Yorkshire, Duroc, and Hampshire breeds.

The initial sales opportunity for these swine was realized by representatives of the International Trade Office of the Division of Markets for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce during a trade mission to the Dominican Republic during the latter part of last year. John Ligon, Director of the International Trade Office, indicated that an office representative would accompany the swine on their flight to assist their safe arrival. The swine were transported from Richmond to Florida by truck because the Dominican Republic has scheduled flights directly from Santo Domingo to Miami.

The International Trade Office reports that the value of this shipment is approximately $50,000 a price which, in addition to the swine, includes all assembly, transportation and miscellaneous costs. In Santo Domingo, these swine will be used in a Dominican Republic program to better herd breeds and number.

AUSTIN, TEX.--When the owner of Jim's Frontier restaurant caught a man in the act of cracking his safe, he asked him what he was doing. The robber said, "I guess I'm getting ready to go to jail."

Food And Fun

April 27

Saturday night, April 27, you are all invited to a good time at the Madison District Clubhouse (Rt. 47, between Cullen and Madisonville). From 6 to 8 p.m., we will serve a turkey dinner with dressing, gravy, candied sweet potatoes, congealed salad, coffee or tea—for only $2.00. Bring the whole family! There will also be a children's plate for $1.00 and a hot dog plate for 75 cents.

At 7 o'clock we will present two lighthearted skits, "Ain't Got the Money for the Mortgage on the Farm" and "The Beautifyin' Machine," starring a group of Madisonville's most talented actors! We also plan some door prizes to add to the fun.

The money raised will go to the Centenary United Methodist Building Fund. We guarantee good food, good friends and a good time. And we would appreciate having you join us. If you wish to reserve plates, call 542-5207 or 248-5758 one evening soon.

Am I Covered

Q: I have flood insurance on my house and contents. If a loss occurs to both (house & contents), what is deductible?

A: Since flood insurance first became available, the deductible provision of the contract has been amended. Presently, a deductible of 2% of the amount of loss or $200, whichever is greater, would apply separately on building and contents. As an example, should flood waters cause damage to the extent of $10,000 to the house and $10,000 in contents in the home, the total deductible applying to the loss under the terms of the policy would be $400.00.

Q: I am an insurance agent and have had several inquiries from clients on how much gasoline can be stored in the basement before the increase in hazard is so great that the fire insurance is voided?

A: The standard fire policy provides that coverage may be voided should the insured increase the hazard without approval or knowledge of the company. The storing of any gasoline definitely increases the hazard. Companies vary in how they handle losses which result from such increased exposure. Probably in the matter of the gasoline storage, the agent should be aware of any possible local ordinances on the subject. Many companies would probably feel that the policy should be voided if the local ordinance on gasoline storage was violated by the insured. Circumstances would also undoubtedly play a major part in deciding whether the hazard has been sufficiently increased to void coverage. The policy is silent in specifically defining degree or amounts of hazard increase which results in companies applying their own interpretation in each instance consistent with their overall company claims policy.

Less Cutting Of Grass Along Highways Scheduled

The grass along Virginia's highways will be mowed less frequently this year to conserve fuel, the State Department of Highways said today.

C. O. Leigh, the department's maintenance engineer, said the agency ordinarily seeks to maintain grass in median, interchange and roadside areas on heavily traveled highways at a height of approximately 4 to 10 inches.

The season, the maximum height will be increased to 15 inches, and mowing will not begin until the grass is about 10 inches high, he said.

On more lightly traveled roads, the department's standards generally provide for a minimum height of about 4 inches and a maximum growth of approximately 18 inches, and mowing is not started until a height of about 10 inches is reached. This year, Leigh explained, the minimum height to be permitted before mowing may begin has been increased to 15 inches.

Leigh said the changes would result in fewer mowings, and would save an estimated 60,000 gallons of gasoline.

FFA Parliamentary Procedure

First place Future Farmers of America parliamentary procedure teams from each of the five sub-regions in Southside Virginia will compete for the championship Saturday, April 20, at Rustburg High School.

Parliamentary procedure competition is a FFA leadership training activity. It includes demonstrating ceremonies for opening and closing meetings, and solving a parliamentary problem extemporaneously. Each team is composed of seven FFA members and an advisor.

The winner of the contest Saturday will represent the fourteen county Southside Area in the state finals May 4 at Brookville High School.

W. R. Austin, instructor of agricultural education in the Rustburg High School is in charge of arrangements for the contest. The Amherst-Appomattox-Campbell Federation wil be represented by the Appomattox County High School team.

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The other buildings consist of a cinderblock pavilion and bathhouse [41 x 30] with a 20 x 12 concession stand attached; 34 x 40 concrete patio with roof, and a frame garage and storage building.

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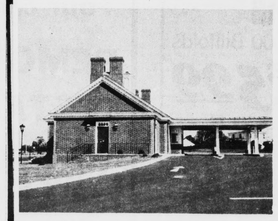

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